

*Resolved*, That copies of this Joint Resolution be sent to President Barack Obama, Honorable Governor John Hickenlooper, the Congressional Black Caucus, the National Black Caucus of State Legislators, and the members of Colorado's congressional delegation: Senators Michael Bennet and Cory Gardner and Representatives Diana DeGette, Jared Polis, Scott Tipton, Ken Buck, Doug Lamborn, Mike Coffman, and Ed Perlmutter.

POM-75. A resolution adopted by the City Council of the City of Oberlin, Ohio, to the President of the United States opposing the withdrawal of the United States from the Paris Climate Agreement; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

## REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

The following reports of committees were submitted:

By Mr. HOEVEN, from the Committee on Appropriations, without amendment:

S. 1603. An original bill making appropriations for Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration, and Related Agencies programs for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2018, and for other purposes (Rept. No. 115-131).

By Mr. ALEXANDER, from the Committee on Appropriations, without amendment:

S. 1609. An original bill making appropriations for energy and water development and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2018, and for other purposes (Rept. No. 115-132).

## EXECUTIVE REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

The following executive reports of nominations were submitted:

By Mr. INHOFE for Mr. MCCAIN for the Committee on Armed Services.

\*David Joel Trachtenberg, of Virginia, to be a Principal Deputy Under Secretary of Defense.

\*Charles Douglas Stimson, of Virginia, to be General Counsel of the Department of the Navy.

\*Owen West, of Connecticut, to be an Assistant Secretary of Defense.

\*Ryan McCarthy, of Illinois, to be Under Secretary of the Army.

Air Force nomination of Lt. Gen. Steven L. Kwast, to be Lieutenant General.

\*Air Force nomination of Gen. Paul J. Selva, to be General.

Army nomination of Maj. Gen. Bruce T. Crawford, to be Lieutenant General.

Air Force nomination of Lt. Gen. John B. Cooper, to be Lieutenant General.

Army nominations beginning with Col. John B. Dunlap III and ending with Col. Andrew M. Roman, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record on June 15, 2017.

Army nomination of Col. Deborah Y. Howell, to be Brigadier General.

Army nomination of Lt. Gen. Stephen R. Lyons, to be Lieutenant General.

Army nomination of Maj. Gen. Charles W. Hooper, to be Lieutenant General.

Army nomination of Maj. Gen. Edward M. Daly, to be Lieutenant General.

Army nomination of Col. Michelle M. Rose, to be Brigadier General.

Navy nomination of Capt. Daniel W. Dwyer, to be Rear Admiral (lower half).

Navy nomination of Rear Adm. (lh) Ross A. Myers, to be Rear Admiral.

Marine Corps nomination of Maj. Gen. John J. Broadmeadow, to be Lieutenant General.

Marine Corps nomination of Lt. Gen. Kenneth F. McKenzie, Jr., to be Lieutenant General.

Marine Corps nomination of Lt. Gen. Vincent R. Stewart, to be Lieutenant General.

Marine Corps nomination of Maj. Gen. Herman S. Clardy III, to be Lieutenant General.

Army nomination of Lt. Gen. William C. Mayville, Jr., to be Lieutenant General.

Army nomination of Maj. Gen. Richard D. Clarke, to be Lieutenant General.

Navy nomination of Rear Adm. Frederick J. Roegge, to be Vice Admiral.

Marine Corps nomination of Maj. Gen. Daniel J. O'Donohue, to be Lieutenant General.

Marine Corps nomination of Maj. Gen. Michael A. Rocco, to be Lieutenant General.

Marine Corps nomination of Lt. Gen. Mark A. Brilakis, to be Lieutenant General.

Air Force nomination of Brig. Gen. John D. Slocum, to be Major General.

Air Force nomination of Brig. Gen. Anthony J. Carrelli, to be Major General.

Air Force nomination of Brig. Gen. Sam C. Barrett, to be Major General.

Army nominations beginning with Col. Michael N. Adame and ending with Col. Patrick C. Thibodeau, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record on July 13, 2017, (minus 2 nominees: Col. Robert B. Davis; Col. Andrew M. Harris)

Army nominations beginning with Col. John C. Andonie and ending with Col. Cynthia K. Tinkham, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record on July 13, 2017.

Army nominations beginning with Col. Samuel AgostoSantiago and ending with Col. William L. Zana, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record on July 13, 2017.

Navy nomination of Rear Adm. (lh) William R. Merz, to be Vice Admiral.

Mr. INHOFE for Mr. MCCAIN. Mr. President, for the Committee on Armed Services I report favorably the following nomination lists which were printed in the RECORD on the dates indicated, and ask unanimous consent, to save the expense of reprinting on the Executive Calendar that these nominations lie at the Secretary's desk for the information of Senators.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

Air Force nominations beginning with William John Ackman and ending with Michael D. Zollars, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record on June 5, 2017.

Air Force nomination of Lisa E. Donovan, to be Major.

Air Force nomination of Kirt L. Stallings, to be Colonel.

Air Force nominations beginning with Michael G. Rhode and ending with Scott D. Wright, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record on June 15, 2017.

Air Force nomination of Richard L. Allen, to be Colonel.

Air Force nomination of Michael J. Silverman, to be Major.

Air Force nomination of Maiya D. Anderson, to be Colonel.

Air Force nominations beginning with Kimberly M. Kittleson and ending with Kevin C. Peterson, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record on June 26, 2017.

Air Force nominations beginning with Cecilia A. Florio and ending with John M. Fejes, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record on June 26, 2017.

Army nominations beginning with James C. Benson and ending with Jacob S. Loftice, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record on June 15, 2017.

Army nomination of Timothy D. Litka, to be Lieutenant Colonel.

Army nomination of Scott D. Blackwell, to be Colonel.

Army nominations beginning with Michael A. Adams and ending with D012118, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record on June 15, 2017.

Army nominations beginning with Todd R. Anderson and ending with John F. Yanikov, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record on June 15, 2017.

Army nominations beginning with Douglas A. Allen and ending with Thomas K. Sarrouf, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record on June 15, 2017.

Army nominations beginning with Charles E. Bane and ending with Matthew D. Wegner, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record on June 15, 2017.

Army nomination of Doreen A. Douchi, to be Major.

Army nomination of Brandon J. Baer, to be Lieutenant Colonel.

Army nomination of Barry Murray, to be Lieutenant Colonel.

Army nominations beginning with Francis K. Agyapong and ending with Sashi A. Zickefoose, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record on June 15, 2017.

Army nominations beginning with Joseph H. Afanador and ending with D013069, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record on June 15, 2017.

Army nominations beginning with Bert M. Baker and ending with Maria R. S. Yates, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record on June 15, 2017.

Army nominations beginning with Breck S. Brewer and ending with Diana W. Weber, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record on June 15, 2017.

Army nominations beginning with Daniel F. Alemany and ending with Brittany E. McCroan, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record on June 15, 2017.

Army nomination of Wil B. Neubauer, to be Colonel.

Army nomination of Mark C. Gillespie, to be Colonel.

Army nomination of Joseph M. O'Callaghan, Jr., to be Colonel.

Army nomination of Bret P. Van Poppel, to be Colonel.

Army nomination of Aliya I. Wilson, to be Major.

Army nomination of William O. Murray, to be Lieutenant Colonel.

Army nomination of Patrick R. Wilde, to be Lieutenant Colonel.

Army nomination of Jeff H. McDonald, to be Colonel.

Army nominations beginning with Edward V. Abrahamson and ending with D012929, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record on July 13, 2017.

Army nominations beginning with Scott J. Akerley and ending with D002220, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record on July 13, 2017.

Army nominations beginning with Ryan C. Agee and ending with D011536, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record on July 13, 2017.

Army nominations beginning with Erik C. Alfsen and ending with D013346, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record on July 13, 2017.

Army nominations beginning with Bradford A. Baumann and ending with Thomas B. Vaughn, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record on July 13, 2017.

Army nomination of Jay A. Johannigman, to be Colonel.

Navy nominations beginning with Cameron M. Balma and ending with Scott D. Ziegenhorn, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record on June 15, 2017.

Navy nominations beginning with Richard A. Ackerman and ending with Patricia R. Wilson, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record on June 15, 2017.

Navy nominations beginning with Sarah R. Boutwell and ending with Andrew F. Young, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record on June 15, 2017.

Navy nominations beginning with Jeremiah E. Chaplin and ending with Jeanette Sheets, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record on June 15, 2017.

Navy nomination of Linwood O. Lewis, to be Commander.

Navy nomination of Brian A. Evick, to be Commander.

Navy nominations beginning with Kristopher M. Brazil and ending with Sheree T. Williams, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record on June 15, 2017.

Navy nominations beginning with Bryce D. Abbott and ending with Shane M. Zimmerman, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record on June 15, 2017.

Navy nominations beginning with Jeremiah P. Anderson and ending with Ashley S. Wright, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record on June 15, 2017.

Navy nominations beginning with Stacy J. G. Arenstein and ending with Henry L. Thomason, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record on June 15, 2017.

Navy nominations beginning with Kelly W. Bowman, Jr. and ending with Robert H. Vohrer, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record on June 15, 2017.

Navy nominations beginning with Lara R. Bollinger and ending with Candice C. Tresch, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record on June 15, 2017.

Navy nominations beginning with Patrick P. Davis and ending with Sean C. Stevens, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record on June 15, 2017.

Navy nominations beginning with Jeffery A. Alsup and ending with Terry N. Traweck, Jr., which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record on June 15, 2017.

Navy nomination of Linda C. Seymour, to be Captain.

Navy nomination of Chad J. Trubilla, to be Commander.

Navy nominations beginning with Patrick R. Adams and ending with James T. Watters, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record on July 13, 2017.

Navy nomination of Randall G. Schimpf, to be Lieutenant Commander.

By Mr. HATCH for the Committee on Finance.

\*David J. Kautter, of Virginia, to be an Assistant Secretary of the Treasury.

By Mr. GRASSLEY for the Committee on the Judiciary.

Christopher A. Wray, of Georgia, to be Director of the Federal Bureau of Investigation for a term of ten years.

Trevor N. McFadden, of Virginia, to be United States District Judge for the District of Columbia.

Beth Ann Williams, of New Jersey, to be an Assistant Attorney General.

John W. Huber, of Utah, to be United States Attorney for the District of Utah for the term of four years.

Justin E. Herdman, of Ohio, to be United States Attorney for the Northern District of Ohio for the term of four years.

John E. Town, of Alabama, to be United States Attorney for the Northern District of Alabama for the term of four years.

By Mr. ISAKSON for the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

\*Brooks D. Tucker, of Maryland, to be an Assistant Secretary of Veterans Affairs (Congressional and Legislative Affairs).

\*Michael P. Allen, of Florida, to be a Judge of the United States Court of Appeals for Veterans Claims for the term of fifteen years.

\*Amanda L. Meredith, of Virginia, to be a Judge of the United States Court of Appeals for Veterans Claims for the term of fifteen years.

\*Joseph L. Toth, of Wisconsin, to be a Judge of the United States Court of Appeals for Veterans Claims for the term of fifteen years.

\*Thomas G. Bowman, of Florida, to be Deputy Secretary of Veterans Affairs.

\*James Byrne, of Virginia, to be General Counsel, Department of Veterans Affairs.

\*Nomination was reported with recommendation that it be confirmed subject to the nominee's commitment to respond to requests to appear and testify before any duly constituted committee of the Senate.

(Nominations without an asterisk were reported with the recommendation that they be confirmed.)

#### INTRODUCTION OF BILLS AND JOINT RESOLUTIONS

The following bills and joint resolutions were introduced, read the first and second times by unanimous consent, and referred as indicated:

By Mr. BLUNT (for himself, Mr. COCHRAN, Mr. CORNYN, Mr. MANCHIN, Mr. ENZI, Mr. THUNE, Mr. STRANGE, and Mrs. CAPITO):

S. 1592. A bill to prohibit the Federal Government from requiring race or ethnicity to be disclosed in connection with the transfer of a firearm; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Ms. HARRIS (for herself and Mr. PAUL):

S. 1593. A bill to provide grants to States and Indian tribes to reform their criminal justice system to encourage the replacement of the use of payment of secured money bail as a condition of pretrial release in criminal cases, and for other purposes; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. LEE (for himself, Mr. CRUZ, Mr. LANKFORD, Mr. COTTON, Mr. STRANGE, and Mr. RUBIO):

S. 1594. A bill to amend the National Labor Relations Act to modify the authority of the National Labor Relations Board with respect to rulemaking, issuance of complaints, and authority over unfair labor practices; to the

Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mr. RUBIO (for himself and Mrs. SHAHEEN):

S. 1595. A bill to amend the Hizballah International Financing Prevention Act of 2015 to impose additional sanctions with respect to Hizballah, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

By Mr. PETERS (for himself and Mr. RUBIO):

S. 1596. A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to increase certain funeral benefits for veterans, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

By Mr. JOHNSON:

S. 1597. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to permit the Secretary of the Treasury and the Commissioner of the Social Security Administration to disclose certain return information related to identity theft, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. ISAKSON (for himself, Mr.

TESTER, Mr. ROUNDS, Mrs. MCCASKILL, Mr. TILLIS, Mr. MANCHIN, Mr. HELLER, Ms. KLOBUCHAR, Mr. CORNYN, Mr. FRANKEN, Mr. CRAPO, Mr. DONNELLY, Mr. INHOPE, Ms. DUCKWORTH, Mr. SULLIVAN, Mr. KAINE, Mr. DAINES, Mr. UDALL, Ms. COLLINS, Ms. HEITKAMP, Mr. BLUNT, Mr. PETERS, Mr. RUBIO, Mr. BROWN, Mr. ROBERTS, Mr. HEINRICH, Mr. MORAN, Ms. HIRONO, Mrs. CAPITO, Ms. HASSAN, Mr. BOOZMAN, Mr. CARDIN, Mrs. FISCHER, Mr. NELSON, Ms. STABENOW, Mrs. SHAHEEN, Mrs. MURRAY, Mr. BLUMENTHAL, Ms. WARREN, and Mr. CASSIDY):

S. 1598. A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to make certain improvements in the laws administered by the Secretary of Veterans Affairs, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

By Mr. KAINE (for himself and Mr. PORTMAN):

S. 1599. A bill to require the Secretary of Labor to award grants for promoting industry or sector partnerships to encourage industry growth and competitiveness and to improve worker training, retention, and advancement; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Ms. HIRONO (for herself and Mr. MERKLEY):

S. 1600. A bill to amend title II of the Social Security Act and the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to make improvements in the old-age, survivors, and disability insurance program, and to provide for Social Security benefit protection; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mrs. SHAHEEN (for herself, Ms. KLOBUCHAR, Mr. FRANKEN, and Ms. HARRIS):

S. 1601. A bill to amend the Fair Housing Act to establish that certain conduct, in or around a dwelling, shall be considered to be severe or pervasive for purposes of determining whether a certain type of sexual harassment has occurred under that Act, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

By Mrs. GILLIBRAND:

S. 1602. A bill to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to conduct a study to assess the suitability and feasibility of designating certain land as the Finger Lakes National Heritage Area, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

By Mr. HOEVEN:

S. 1603. An original bill making appropriations for Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration, and Related Agencies programs for the fiscal year ending